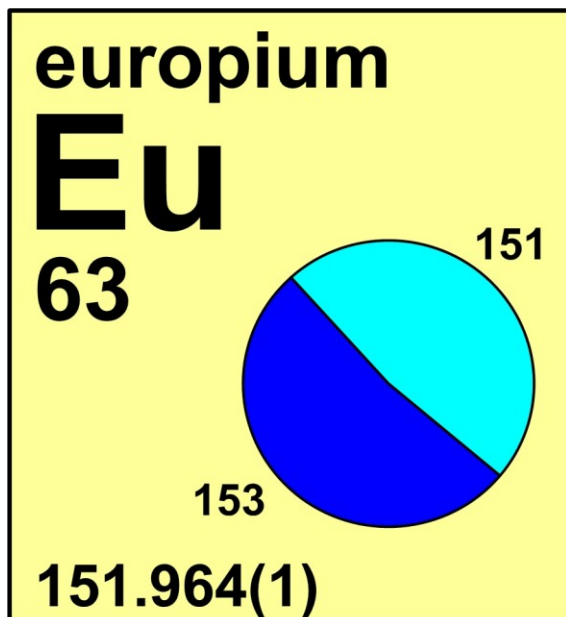


## europium

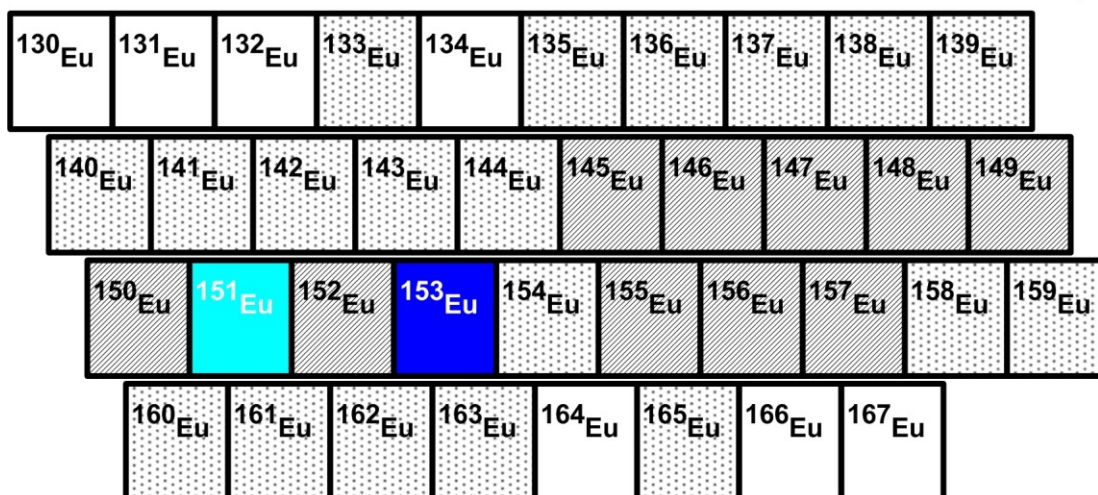


Stable isotope	Atomic mass*	Mole fraction
$^{151}\text{Eu}$	150.919 8502	0.4781
$^{153}\text{Eu}$	152.921 2303	0.5219

\* Atomic mass given in unified atomic mass units, u.

### Half-life of radioactive isotope

Less than 1 second  
Between 1 second and 1 hour  
Greater than 1 hour



## Important applications of stable and/or radioactive isotopes

### Isotopes in medicine

- 1)  $^{151}\text{Eu}$  is used for the production of  $^{152}\text{Eu}$  which is used as a reference source in gamma spectroscopy.
- 2)  $^{153}\text{Eu}$  can be used for the production of high specific activity  $^{153}\text{Sm}$  via fast neutron irradiation.

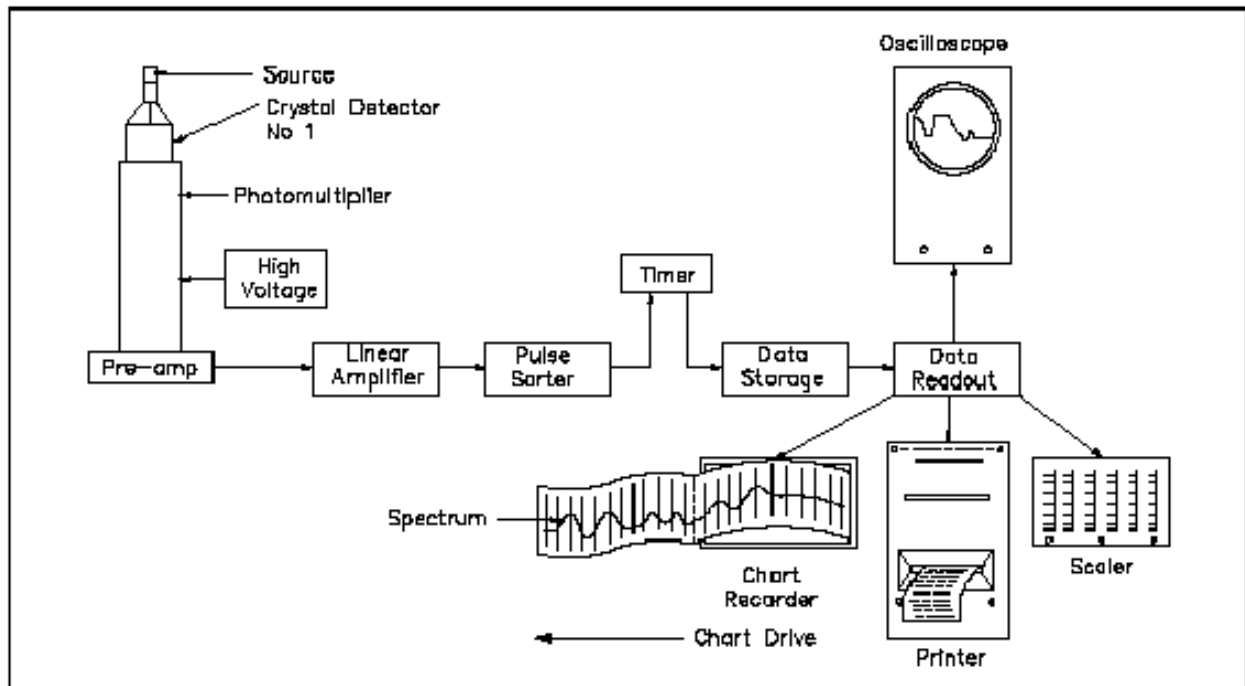


Figure 1: This is a diagram of a gamma spectrometer.  $^{152}\text{Eu}$  can be used as a reference in this type of machine.

### Isotopes in industry

- 1) Eu isotopes are currently being studied for possible use in nuclear control applications because they are good neutron absorbers.

\*\*Applications of europium isotopes are still being researched and this page will be updated shortly. \*\*